

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

1979 Marshall, B.T., J.A. Knight, and C.B. Campbell  
A Report on Archaeological Investigations at the Benson-Hammond House.  
Submitted to the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society  
Library ID No: 00000461 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 5

## Research Firm/Institution:

Archaeological Services, Inc.  
PO Box 26  
Stevenson, MD 21153

## Sites examined:

18AN497

NRHP Listed: ☒

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II ☒

Phase III

### Project Justification:

This report describes the findings of a 1979 archeological testing program conducted at the Benson-Hammond House on Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport property. The work was performed under a contract with the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, which, at the time, was leasing the structure with the intent of restoring it for use as their headquarters and as a museum. The Society had engaged a restoration architect to consult on the building's architectural history and on appropriate restoration measures. The architect advised the Society to have an archeological investigation designed to define buried architectural features as part of the restoration effort.

### Project Objectives:

- Delineate an addition extending from the west wall of the house (the addition was standing until modern times, but was poorly documented).
- Determine the extent and construction details of two porches revealed to have been present on the front (east) wall of the house through ghosting.
- Determine the layout of the building's former cellar entrance, located on the south wall.
- Investigate the alignment of a proposed sewer trench.

## Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN497.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

1995 Ervin, R.G.  
  
Phase I Archeological Survey of Poplar Avenue and Related Construction Monitoring at the Benson-Hammond House, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration  
Library ID No: 00000777 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 287

## Research Firm/Institution:

Maryland Geological Survey, Division of  
Archeology  
2300 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, MD 21218

## Sites examined:

18AN497

NRHP Listed: ☒

## Project Details:

Phase I ☒

Phase II

Phase III

### Project Justification:

In 1987, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) requested that Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) archeologists perform a Phase I archeological survey of Poplar Avenue in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The survey evaluated a proposed project to reconstruct Poplar Avenue between existing Fort Meade Road (MD 170) and existing Hammonds Ferry Road (MD 162). The project involved widening Poplar Avenue along its south side, reconfiguring the intersections with Maryland Routes 162 and 170, geometric improvements, construction of a center median, installation of curb and gutter, and associated drainage improvements. Project plans indicated that the effects of construction would be concentrated within a 20 to 40 m wide corridor along the south side of the existing road. The 19th century Benson-Hammond house, home of the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, was within the proposed project area.

### Project Objectives:

- Identify any archeological resources that will be impacted by the construction of the proposed road and driveway improvements.

Construction was undertaken with federal assistance and, thus, Section 106 compliance (along with state laws) drove the need for the survey. In 1988, MGS also monitored driveway construction work at the Benson-Hammond house and the request of SHA and the Maryland Historical Trust.

MAC Accession: 1998.022.001

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN497.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1988 Barrett, T. and J.G. Artemel  
A Phase I Archaeological Study of the Benson-Hammond House, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society  
  
Library ID No: 00000560 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 85

Research Firm/Institution:

Engineering-Science, Inc.  
1133 Fifteenth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Sites examined:

18AN497

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Phase I ☒

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes the findings of a Phase I survey carried out over two days in the summer of 1988 at the Benson-Hammond House in northern Anne Arundel County. The purpose of the study was to determine both the archaeological record, if any, and the damage to that record that excavation and installation of a cement floor would have in the historic cellar of the house. Three test units were dug to determine both.

MAC Accession: 1986.012.001

Project Objectives:

- Determine whether intact archeological deposits remain preserved in the cellar of the Benson-Hammond House.
- Assess the impact the installation of the cement floor will have on any identified cultural resources.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN497.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1995 Read, E.D.  
Intensive Phase I/Limited Phase II Archaeological Testing at the Benson-Hammond House, 18AN497, Lithicum, Maryland.  
Submitted to Maryland SHA and the Maryland Historical Trust  
  
Library ID No: 00000746 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 258

Research Firm/Institution:

Ann Arrundell County Historical Society  
PO Box 385  
Lithicum, MD 21090

Sites examined:

18AN497

NRHP Listed: ☒

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II ☒

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes intensive Phase I and limited Phase II archaeological testing at the Benson-Hammond site (18AN497) in Linthicum, Maryland. The site is owned by the State of Maryland and is leased by the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society which maintains it as a museum and as their headquarters. Testing was conducted for several reasons. First, to satisfy Phase I archaeological survey requirements by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) prior to the construction of support piers for historic buildings moved onto the property. MHT holds a perpetual historic preservation easement on the property. In addition, MHT issued a Maryland Antiquities Permit for these investigations as the property is state owned. The second reason for testing was to determine if repair activities in the basement of the house would adversely affect any archeological remains which might be located there. Finally, testing was conducted in order to intensively survey the property so that areas of high artifact concentration could be identified, and to identify and define any features which might be

Project Objectives:

- Test predicted prehistoric settlement planning data by locating any prehistoric resource on the property.
- Determine if any prehistoric resources present at the site pertain to strategies employed to procure and process food.
- Determine what the historic landscape of the Victorian-era truck farm at 18AN497 looked like.
- Re-establish the location of farm outbuilding and use this to interpret what types of farming and agricultural tasks took place at 18AN497.

present. The data were used to construct a cultural resource management plan for the property.

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Research Potential:

Based on the findings of the 1993 Phase I/II survey, the historic landscapes at 18AN497 still offer research opportunities. Additional archival research, oral history (if possible), and archeological survey could help to answer questions about the gendered landscape (or lack thereof) on 19th and 20th century truck farms, as well as early 19th century farmsteads in Anne Arundel County.

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